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A Systematic Beat.

"Is he poor pay?"
"Oh, the worst kind of poor pay."
"What do you mean?"
"He's a well-to-do beat—the kind that pays the big items and ignores the small ones that are not worth a lawsuit."

As Compared.
"I read of a man the other day," said the drug clerk, "on whose head there was a price of \$50,000."
"Huh! That's nothing," rejoined the proprietor, who was something of a jester. "I once had a million dollars in my mind."

Very Suspicious.
Ernie—I am not so sure that Mr. Crisp had any good wishes for us when we were married.
Ida—Didn't he throw old shoes at the back?
Ernie—Yes, but he threw them just like he was throwing at a cat."

Up Against It.
"Sir, I don't think I quite catch the drift of your remarks," said the haughty maid who seemed to have suddenly developed a case of refrigerator heart.
"Well, I seem to catch your drift all right, all right," rejoined the young man who had been trying to frame up a proposal. "It seems to be something on the order of a snowdrift."

A Similarity.
The New York papers say that Bridegroom Platt was arrayed in a black frock coat, gray striped trousers, patent leather shoes, and black silk tie.
"If they had added that just previous to the ceremony he ate a hearty meal of creamed potatoes, scrambled eggs, etc., it would have been just like a hanging, wouldn't it?"

A Gentle Hint.
Mr. Merchant—That beard of yours is getting very long and ugly. You should trim it.
Adam Upp (this bookkeeper)—I'd like to shave it off, sir, if you don't you?
Mr. Merchant—Well, why don't you?
Adam Upp—I made a vow some years ago that I wouldn't shave until I got a raise in salary.

Not Guilty.
"Are we free men?" asked the political calamity howler, who had been imported from an adjoining State. "I repeat the question: Are we free men?"
Whereupon a man in the rear of the hall arose and informed the speaker that the majority of those present were married men.

Unlucky Thirteen.
"Why must a jury consist of just twelve men?"
"Because that's the law."
"But the law might be changed. There ought to be thirteen men."
"Why thirteen?"
"Because twelve is too lucky. The guilty usually are acquitted."

Great Schemes.
"Have you decided yet upon a name for that new suburb of yours?"
"Yes. I am going to call it Look-out."
"I can't see anything striking or original about that."
"You can't. Think how everybody in the train will run to the windows when the brakeman calls out the name of the station."

Time Fites.
Two young ladies on the promenade of a seaside resort had been watching the vessels pass through a telescope lent them by an "ancient mariner." On handing the glass back one of them remarked that it was a very good one.
"Yes, miss," said the old tar, "that 'ere telescope was given me by Lord Nelson."
"Good gracious! Why, Nelson has been dead nearly 100 years."
"Well, I'm blowed," replied the salty one, quite unabashed, "ow the time do fly!"

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HOW EXPENSIVE FUR OF SEA OTTER IS SECURED.

ITS HOME IN GIANT SEAWEED— WHERE HUNTERS STATION THEMSELVES.

THE season for killing the most expensive fur producing animal—the sea otter—the fur of which is manufactured into robes for potentates and princes of the Old World and capitalists of this and other countries, closed on October 1, having begun on May 1. According to reports received at the Treasury Department and the Department of Commerce and Labor, the latter of which exercises official supervision over the sea otter industry in Alaska, so far as the preservation and regulation of hunting and killing of the animal are concerned, the sea otter is becoming scarcer every year, and threatens in a short time to enter the list of "animals of the extinct class."

It is not generally known that the only species of sea otter is found on the northern Asiatic and northwestern American coast, and it is remarkable that the extent of territory in the United States where these animals are taken is so extremely small, being only from Diamond Point at the northern entrance to Gray's Harbor, on the coast to Point Greenock, in the State of Washington, a distance of about twenty-four miles. The animal is a descendant of an extinct race, and really belongs to a past age. He is shy and hard to locate, employing clever means to avoid the enemy. Sea otters are most frequently found in masses of what is known to the sailors as "bladder kelp," and sometimes "sea otter cabbage." This kelp, like the animal that inhabits it, is a relic of bygone ages. It is a giant seaweed, found only in the North Pacific Ocean, among whose huge fronds the sea otters make their home.

Nereocystis is the scientific name of the weed, and its formation has often attracted the attention of scientists. The stems are sometimes several hundred feet long, slender, but of enormous strength, and they terminate in large club-shaped bulbs, from which spring tufts of fronds of gigantic size. The stems and fronds become so thickly matted together that they form floating islands, which are the home of the sea otters.

Unlike that of the seal, the fur of the sea otter requires no plucking of hair or coloring—in fact, the most valuable skins are those which are speckled through with a silver tinge. In the addition of this hair adding 25 to 50 per cent. to the price of the skin. The otter hunters build for themselves berks about forty feet high, by taking three slim poles or pieces of timber, each about forty feet in length. They bolt them securely together at one end for the top, and spread them about twenty-five feet apart at the bottom, giving them the appearance of a huge tripod. These are set on the ocean beach, about midway between high and low tides, the feet of the poles being imbedded in the sand from two to three feet. The structure is then thoroughly braced, and a ladder built to the top by nailing pieces at convenient distances crosswise on the inland portion of the tripod. About eighteen inches below the top of the tripod cross timbers are secured to the legs, and upon these cross timbers a floor from four to five feet square is laid, and on the oceanward end two adjacent sides walls are built up from three to four feet in height. On the land side a floor is constructed to allow easy ingress and egress to and from this "otter's nest." On the top of the tripod, which extends about eighteen inches above the floor, a seat is constructed, and around the inside of the wall a row of shelving is placed. At low tide, when the wind is propitious, the hunter lies himself to this "row's nest," armed with a good pair of glasses, a rifle, a luncheon and a little something to keep him warm, and for six long hours he scans the line of the beach just outside of the breakers, where he expects his game to appear. When the tide first begins to flood, his range is about six hundred yards, but as it runs in the range is shortened to two hundred or three hundred yards. Even at these latter distances it requires close calculation to know just how to shoot to overcome the rise and fall of the ocean swell and the effect of the wind upon the bullets. It is said that not one out of one hundred shots of the best marksmen is effective. When the tide is full the derick stands in the midst of the breakers, and a landlubber is apt to feel a little squeamish looking down from the dizzy heights on the rolling waters below. The shooting is generally done on a flood tide, so that the animal, when killed, will wash ashore, and even then it is sometimes three or four days before it is beached. Each hunter marks his bullets with a mark known to the other hunters, and when an otter is found on the beach the first duty of the hunter is to look for the bullet and ascertain who is the rightful owner, for this sign is respected among the hunters as sacredly as marks and brands are among stockmen. When an otter comes ashore with no bullet in him, as is frequently the case, the bullet having gone clear through the body, and no notice having been given, it is regarded as a "slick ear." In stockmen's parlance, and belongs to the hunter. Sometimes an otter, on receiving a death shot, sinks; but the hunter generally knows when he has hit his mark. By observing the water with his glasses he can discern, even at the great distance at which they shoot, the coloring of the water from the blood of the animal, and if he does not come ashore on that tide notice is at once given to the other hunters, who are then on the alert to find him. It is the general opinion among hunters that beachcombers, in the shape of stealthy Indians, get away with many an otter killed by white hunters. The Indians hunt the otter in canoes, going out and coupling in through the surf. Sometimes they go fifteen or twenty miles to sea and stay out several days, but when they hunt along within a mile or two of the shore there is blood on the face of the moon, and the white



How a Farmer was freed from Misery

However, necessity knows no law and Mr. Plangman paid half down and took the treatment and followed it faithfully for four weeks. Naturally, he thought that he would soon be rid of the trouble, but in spite of the doctoring he goes on to add, "I was in such misery that it was almost impossible for me to do my work."

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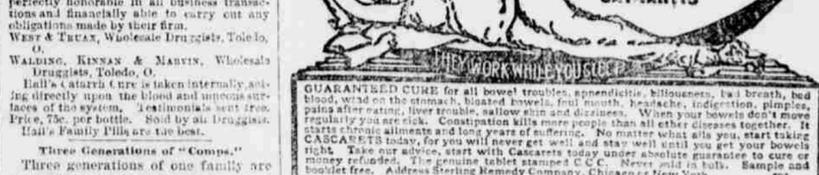
"I thought I had strained my back," "Pain in left knee," "Pain across the small of the back," "Pain through my hip."

Woman's Memory. "Do you think that women have poor memories?" "Not at all. I merely think that they have peculiar memories." "How is that?" "Why, they always remember the things you want them to forget and forget the things you want them to remember." "Are you speaking from experience?" "Yes; marital experience."

Somewhat Different. "I thought," said the late strapping fellow, "you claimed when trying to get the franchise, that you proposed to build the road for the benefit of the public?" "My dear sir," replied the director of the road construction, who was customarily understood to patronize his own cars, "the road was built for the benefit of the public, but it is run for the benefit of the officials."

Looks Like an Error. "Nature occasionally causes mistakes," mused the lake-front philosopher. "How's that?" queried the man with the rubber habit. "Well, take the physicians, for example," answered the philosophy dispenser. "As he has no winter helmets to put on his squinting ability is largely wasted."

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